Allotment of petrol pumps to dependants of police personnel

4746. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

whether there is a scheme for allotting petrol pumps, LPG and kerosene depots to dependants of deceased police and other agencies' personnel who have lost their lives while serving the country;

if so, the details of such scheme and the number of allotments made to families of such deceased in the last three years;

if not, the reasons therefor; and

whether Government plan to include them in the same scheme as offered to deceased Army personnel since they have also laid down their lives serving the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) TUl the dissolution of all the Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs), after the deregulation of the Petroleum Sector with effect from. 1-4-2002, 8% reservation was provided in the guidelines for the Police/Paramilitary/ Government Personnel (PMP) category.

The Government has earmarked a discretionary quota of dealerships/ distributorships for allotment, on genuine compassionate grounds, to deserving persons in the following categories:-

(i) Dependants of Defence/Paramilitary/Police personnel, who are killed in action or persons permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated; (ii) Dependants of Central/State Government employees, who are killed or permanently disabled while performing their duties and have not been suitably rehabilitated.

Processing cost of petrol and diesel

†4747. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government regarding the processing cost for the production of petrol and diesel from crude oil;

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if so, the average processing cost in the public sector companies separately; and

the said estimated processing cost in the private companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Oil refining being a continuous process industry with multi product, output, product-wise cost of production is not worked out. The overall cost of production varies from company to company. With the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), the production costs of the oil companies are not compensated by the Government. However, in a free market scenario the companies would be compelled to minimise the production cost.

Prices of petroleum products

†4748. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

whether consumer sale prices for diesel, petrol, naphtha, fuel oil, kerosene, LPG, etc. have been increased and decreased several times in the country between 1st April, 2002 to 16th April, 2003;

if so, the dates on which these prices were increased and decreased alongwith the prices of each of the said items fixed at that time; and

the price of the crude oil assessed in the international market for the fixation of the consumer sale prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The details of revisions in the selling prices of petrol, diesel, PDS kerosene and domestic LPG at Delhi from 1 st April, 2002 to 16th April, 2003 are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) With the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector, the pricing of all petroleum products except for PDS kerosene and domestic LPG which are subsidized products, has been decontrolled. The oil companies are now fixing the prices of petroleum products after taking into consideration *inter alia* the prevalent prices of petroleum products in the international oil market.

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